



***Substitute Senate Bill No. 954***

***Special Act No. 17-1***

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR  
UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, the Early Childhood Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z of the general statutes, and two providers of private preschool programs, as selected by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, shall develop a plan for the provision of preschool to all children three and four years of age in the state for the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the utilization of public and private preschool programs and assistance for local and regional boards of education to implement such plan. Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit such plan and any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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